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Bruce Philips  
Chris Niederkrom

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Name: Kinetic Concepts, Inc.

Internal Address:

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?  Yes  No

3. Nature of conveyance:

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Street Address: 8023 Vantage Drive

City: San Antonio State: TX Zip: 78230

Execution Date: 6/2/2000

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Bruce Phillips, a citizen of the United States, residing at 14622 Mountain Wood, San Antonio, Texas 78232, (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignor") am an original joint inventor of a certain new and useful MATTRESS WITH SEMI-INDEPENDENT PRESSURE RELIEVING PILLARS for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, of even date herewith, and

WHEREAS, Kinetic Concepts, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas, whose address is 8023 Vantage Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78230, ("Assignee") is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Assignor, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND, I hereby covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND, I hereby further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent and similar protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 6 day of June, 2000.

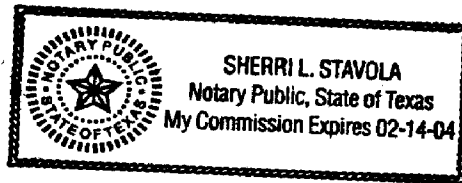
Bruce Phillips  
BRUCE PHILLIPS

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF BEXAR       §

On this 6th day of June, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared BRUCE PHILLIPS, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Sherril L. Stavola  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

SEAL



## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Blane Sanders, a citizen of the United States, residing at 702 Stoneway, San Antonio, Texas 78258, (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignor") am an original joint inventor of a certain new and useful MATTRESS WITH SEMI-INDEPENDENT PRESSURE RELIEVING PILLARS for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, of even date herewith, and

WHEREAS, Kinetic Concepts, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas, whose address is 8023 Vantage Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78230, ("Assignee") is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Assignor, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

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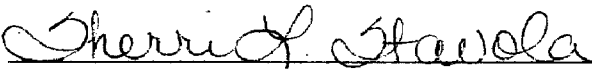
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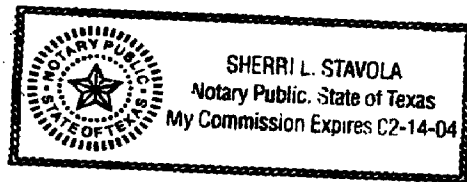
  
BLANE SANDERS

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF BEXAR       §

On this 6 day of June, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared BLANE SANDERS, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

SEAL



## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Chris Niederkrom, a citizen of the United States, residing at 14002 Cedar Mill, San Antonio, Texas 78231, (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignor") am an original joint inventor of a certain new and useful MATTRESS WITH SEMI-INDEPENDENT PRESSURE RELIEVING PILLARS for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, of even date herewith, and

WHEREAS, Kinetic Concepts, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas, whose address is 8023 Vantage Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78230, ("Assignee") is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Assignor, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND, I hereby covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000.

Christopher T. Niederkrom  
CHRIS NIEDERKROM

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF BEXAR       §

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared CHRIS NIEDERKROM, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Sherril L. Stavola  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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